

## **Summary of Explore Lehigh Proposal**

### **Overview**

Explore Lehigh is a one-semester program designed to support students who are uncertain about the college or intercollege program that aligns best with their interests. The program leverages existing first-year courses and includes an integrative, interdisciplinary course. While not a degree program, it offers a focused opportunity for students to identify the college that best supports their academic goals. The program will:

- Help students to understand what each college offers
- Help students identify their interests and goals
- Help students select the best college to support their interests and goals
- Help students to feel that they belong at Lehigh, even when they do not start with a clear sense of their academic direction

### **Key aspects of this program**

- Highly personalized advising
- Academic advisor, faculty mentor, and peer mentor
- Social activities to foster belonging and inclusion

### **Students best suited for the program**

This program is ideal for students interested in attending Lehigh but who have diverse interests and need guidance in choosing the right college or intercollege program.

### **Benefits of this program for students**

- Advising and mentoring
- Opportunity to reflect on options with support before choosing a college
- Sense of belonging and inclusion
- Improved retention

### **Benefits of this program for the institution**

- Students in this program will select their colleges with greater certainty, making them less likely to switch colleges
- Improved retention